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THERMOFORMED CONTAINER WITH
INWARDLY EXTENDING CUT LIP

**SECOND PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add the following new claim:

--28. A method of vacuum thermoforming a container which includes an outer surface including an outwardly-projecting ridge, the container further including a base, side walls, and an inwardly-projecting cut lip, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a three-part mold defining a cavity conforming in shape to the outer surface of the container, the cavity including an undercut portion corresponding to the ridge of the container, the mold including separable first, second and third portions, the first portion including a planar upper surface and an upper lip, the first portion defining an upper part of the undercut portion, the second portion defining a lower part of the undercut portion and further defining a surface corresponding to the side walls of the

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